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SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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IMPACT OF DENSE SETTLEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON NHS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether dense settlement and the commercial construction work along National Highways (NHs) are adversely affecting the traffic movement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the success achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d) Yes,Sir.Dense settlement and commercial construction along National Highways are adversely affecting the traffic movement.Such stretches are frequently encountered along National Highways at present. Ministry has no control over such development beyond the Right of Way (ROW) of the National Highways.Beyond the ROW respective State Governments are the controlling authorities.Control of National Highways (Land and Traffic) Act 2002 has been enacted and Ministry has appointed Highway Administrators to regulate settlements within the ROW.Wherever dense settlements are long and acute, construction of bypasses or elevated Highways are also undertaken depending upon the priority and availability of funds.It is expected that steps taken above will improve the situation.